

# EXPANDED EXPORT ASSISTANCE

**For Connecticut's Small & Medium-Sized Firms**

**T**he Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) announces a unique partnership with the U.S. Department of Commerce (USDOC), to facilitate export participation by small and medium-sized Connecticut firms.

The USDOC, working through its Connecticut Export Assistance Center, will help qualified Connecticut businesses with export-ready products to compete successfully in the global marketplace. Eligible companies will obtain cost-effective access to a wide variety of USDOC services such as Gold Key Service, Commercial News USA, International Partner Search, Flexible Market Search and the Matchmaker program.

The program will foster business-to-business matchmaking between Connecticut suppliers of U.S.-made products and services, and foreign importers/buyers, including agents, distributors and users.

The USDOC's extensive network of commercial staff in the U.S. Embassies and Consulates in 90 countries (approximately 160 overseas locations) coupled with DECD's unique knowledge of local companies creates an experienced marketing team ready to help Connecticut businesses expand.

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